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For: MULTIPLE CONTRAST ECHO-PLANAR IMAGING FOR CONTRAST-ENHANCED IMAGING

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- [XX] 33 pages of specification: 24 pages description; 8 pages claims; 1 page abstract.
- [XX] 7 sheets of drawing(s) including FIGURES 1-7.
- [XX] A Declaration for Patent Application.
- [XX] An Assignment of the invention to MARCONI MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.
- [XX] A claim to priority of US Provisional Application 60/285,543 filed April 20, 2001.
- [XX] A Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- [XX] Utility Patent Application Initial Information Data Sheet.
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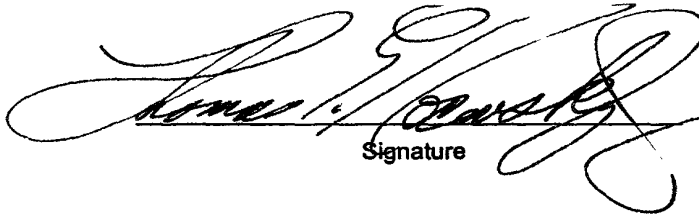
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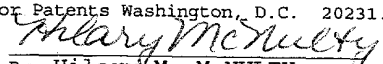
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